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EDITORIAL : "And once again history repeats itself" - I quote Tom Pearce, from Saint George, when I say this, - but, not for a number of years have all our teams from the Under 14's to 1st Grade been at the top of their respective tables; and also, we are waltzing away with the Club Championship. But, wait a minute, not too much rejoicing, there are still the semi's and finals to go. Can the Second Grade rise above all its criticism and win its competition? I think they can - all they need is a good talk and a little understanding amongst themselves.

I think Third Grade will be interested to read a reply to their challenge to "the Gentlemen" in this issue. May the best team win. We all know who that is, don't we?????

Special mention must be given to the 4th Grade, known as "the legion of the lost", who battle on every week, and are making their presence felt as the score table indicates.

Also, we continue our third gripping episode of our story "History of the Club" in this issue. Don't miss it, it is a highlight of this week's paper.

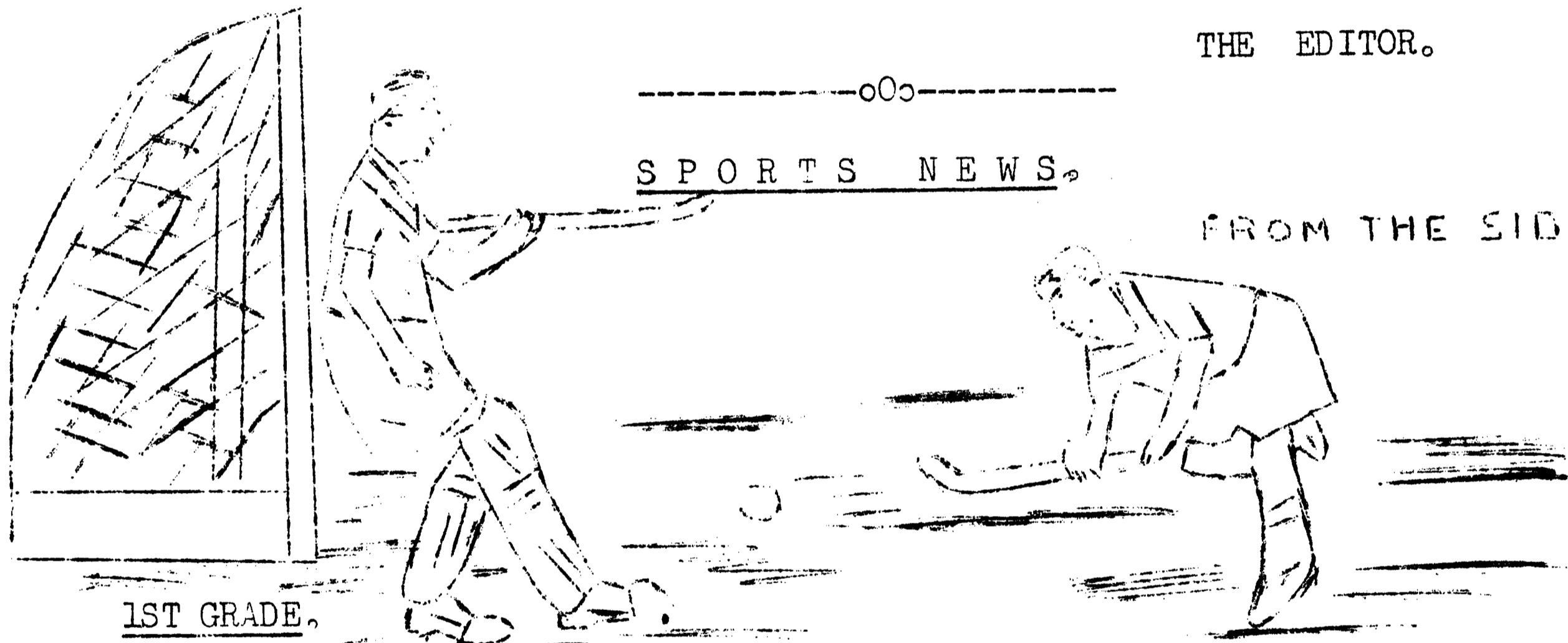
To-day we face Ryde, who are strong in all their grades. So, be on your toes Reds and stay on top.,

MARK YOUR MAN, and PLAY THE WHISTLE,

THE EDITOR.

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S P O R T S N E W S.

FROM THE SIDELINE



1ST GRADE.

Well, congratulations, you are on top again, after 2 wins, against Moorebank-Liverpool (4-nil) and Randwick (3-nil); and with St. George being beaten by Norths, you are 1 point in the lead. Now it's up to you to keep it that way. The game against Moorebank, although a 4-nil win, was not an easy win, as in the early part of the game it was only some very fine defending by the goal-keeper Ron Payne, and the winning of a penalty bully by K. Wark (the umpire could only count up to two) that saved the side from being down before they had opened the scoring, just before half time. The second half saw Glebe in better form, but you cannot afford to have these lapses against better teams.

The game against Randwick was quite good from the spectator's point of view and till half time only one goal was scored, from a very nice pass by Des. Wise, straight to Ray Thorpe, who gave the Randwick goal-keeper no chance. The second half was the usual pantomime, after Randwick applied the offside rule, the Glebe boys were most upset, and told the umpire so, who gave his answer by putting H. Wark right outside. After that things were a little uneven, so the umpire at the other end, sent one of the Randwick men off for assaulting Ken Wark with his shoulder. I am happy to say that the only damage done was three hairs on Ken's chest being bent, not broken.

After this the game settled down to some good hockey and the importation, B. Dunne scored and also the new inside left, 'Tantrums' Needham found the net. Right-0 fellows, its Ryde this Saturday.

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2nd GRADE.

This team is still on top, with 2 wins against Moorebank and Randwick. The Moorebank game was an exacting game and there was some very sore shins when the game was over - some of those Liverpool boys thought they were using battle-axes, but the Glebe stalwarts came good to defeat this team on their home ground.

The game against Randwick was, I think, a lucky one for us. In the first part of the game it looked as though Glebe were set for a runaway win, but they collapsed, and after some very close shots at goal by Randwick, struggled on to win. I suggest that the forwards in this team should have a good talk on the method of play to be used against teams employing the offside rule. You are now 4 points in front and 3 games to go - so, let's see a good win on Saturday.

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3RD. GRADE.

Another of the leading teams, with five points in the lead, are going along very nicely,; a 3-nil win against Moorebank and a 2-nil win against Randwick. These boys are a little slow to get started and I think that the forwards should throw the ball around a little bit more, but, if you keep the pressure up you should finish with the Minor Premiership up your sleeve. I will not comment on the Challenge to First Grade, but the best bet I have heard, so far, is 2 to 1 and 4 goals start. I will have the pencil ready next Sunday. Best of Luck boys, you will need it.

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4TH GRADE.

The match against Randwick

Proved another success for the Lost Legion 4-0. Compliments to Leo Hackett and John Loder they are showing excellent understanding on the left side. John shows promise of being an excellent inside forward. The worst fault of this team is the amount of talking back to the umpires. Please learn your rules before talking and in any case don't talk.

V's Norths. Won 3-0. The game played by these two teams was of the highest standard all members played well with John Loder and Allan Halls showing out well. Congratulations to "Our Studley" on his return, he kept well and I believe on a side wager he came out £2. to the good.

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Glebe Police Boy's Under 16's. Team are leading in their competition, also the Under 14's have won their Zone Finals.

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U M P I R E ' S C O R N E R .

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION --- Yes.

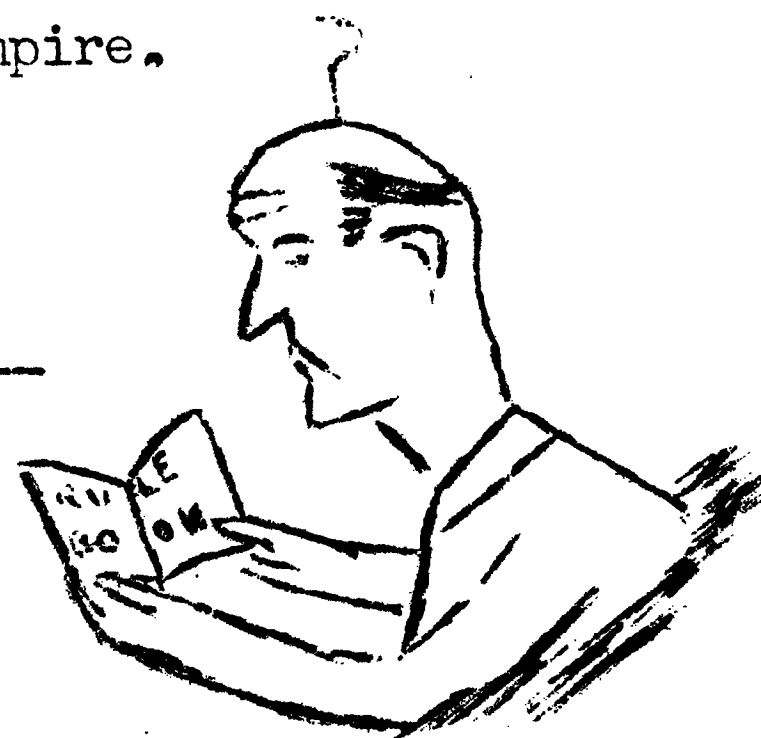
Reason - During the taking of a Penalty Corner, a Penalty Bully, maybe awarded against a defending player, who persistantly and intentionally crosses the goal line, before the hit out is taken. Also, the player can be penalised whether he is standing inside or outside the circle.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION --- An attacking forward shoots for goal from inside the circle - the shot whuld have obviously missed the goal, but it strikes the umpire in flight and is deflected into the goal.

What would your decision be?

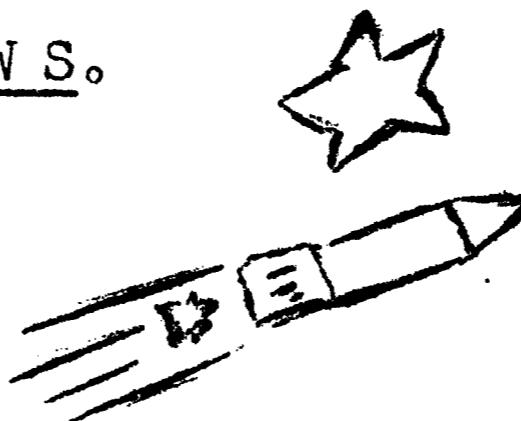
- a. Bully on the spot where it strikes the umpire.
- b. Goal.
- c. Kill the umpire.
- d. 16 yard hit.
- e. Give 3 cheers.

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S O C I A L N E W S .



THE DANCE

Once again the dance was a huge success by all those who attended, unfortunately all too few. But the hall was pleasantly crowded, and a merry time was had by all.

The Pennants for the year 1957, were given out by the President. Also, Jimmy Kenny celebrated his 400 games by cracking open a couple of bottles of champagne. "Arker" Wark decided to lend a hand and promptly christened the cake with half a bottle of champagne; but, it gave the cake that added flavour which everyone appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. J. Sinclair for donating a Set of ear-rings and a brooch to be raffled at the dance. The set is now on display on the coat of the Editor's best girl.

EAST'S BALL --- will be held next Friday night, 22nd. August at the "Sheridan" (opposite Centennial Park). A good time is assured, so how about getting a party together, Glebe.

G E N E R A L N E W S .

It has come to our notice that a certain gentleman in the Club, was given a new type of boot to try out, last week, by a well-known city Sport's Store. They were very pretty, coloured blue and black, and they completely dazzled the opposition, until late in the second half, when the umpire decided that he'd seen enough of them and promptly sent him off the field --- for asking Ray "if he thought that it was going to rain?". Ronnie Payne heard him, 100 yards away, and is going down to testify??

A REPLY TO THAT TEAM KNOWN AS 3RD. GRADE : "WE ACCEPT"

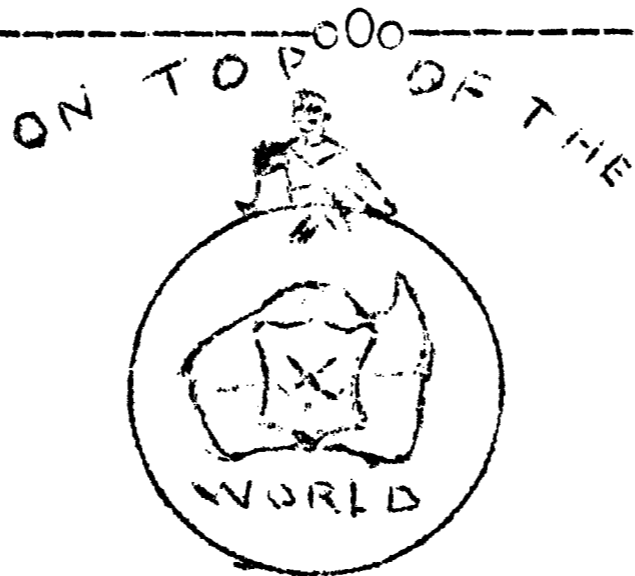
The team known as 1st Grade accept the LOWER GRADE'S Challenge to play them on 17th August on a ground to be set down and arranged by them. May the BEST team win.



Editor's Note : 3rd. Grade have arranged for the match to be played at Wentworth Park, at 10.0 am, on Sunday, 17th August, 1958. Barrackers are cordially invited to attend.

The winner of the RADIATOR raffle, drawn at Clinche's Pond by the Umpire, was won by a Mr. O'Brien, from Crookwell. Ron Payne sold the winning ticket the week-end that 1st. grade were at Crookwell. We would like to thank all players and friends who sold tickets in this raffle.

SPECIAL NOTE --- All items for the "Rag", must be in by NEXT SATURDAY, 23rd August, to make sure of publication; as we will be short staffed for this issue; by Mr. Butler's (Sports Editor) trip down South.



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HISTORY OF GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB.

Part III.

1941 marked the death of our founder, Bro. McCarten Keegan. At the time he was probably the most successful coach ever to visit Australia. His coaching and ideas have made the Glebe club what it is and has been. No man could have built a club more solidly. Bro. McCarten, himself a hockey international, showed great unselfishness in imparting his experience and knowledge. He "lived and died a gentleman".

This record shows how well Bro. McCarten "imparted his knowledge" :-

1931 - Premiers - 3rd. Grade	1945 - Premiers - 1st. Grade
1932 - Premiers - 2nd. Grade	1946 - Premiers - 3rd. & 4th. Grades
1933 - Premiers - 3rd. Grade	1947 - Premiers - 1st, 2nd. & 4th Grades
1934 - Premiers - 2nd. Grade	1948 - Premiers - 1st, 2nd, 3rd. & Minor 'B' Grades
1935 - Premiers - 2nd. Grade	1949 - Premiers - 1st, 2nd. & 3rd. Grades
1936 - Runners up - 2nd. Grade	1950 - Premiers - 1st. & 2nd. Grades
1937 - Runners up - 2nd. Grade	1951 - Premiers - 1st. & 3rd. Grades
1938 - Runners up - 3rd. Grade	1952 - Premiers - 1st. Grade
1939 - Runners up - 2nd. Grade	1953 - Premiers - 1st, 2nd. & 3rd. Grades
1940 - Premiers - 1st. & 2nd. Grades	1954 - Premiers - Minor 'B' Grade
1941 - Premiers - 1st. & 2nd. Grades	1955 - Premiers - 1st. Grade
1942 - Premiers - 1st. Grade	1956 - Premiers - 1st. Grade
1943 - Premiers - 1st. Grade	1957 - Premiers - 3rd. Grade
1944 - oooooooooo	
	1958 - ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

This in itself is a fine tribute to Bro. McCarten Keegan. But now, these were war years and about 75% of our players were in the defence forces - whenever on leave these members were given first preference to a game.

1941 was also momentous as no less than 3 players made the "fatal step" into matrimony - Charlie Humphries, Jack Cummins and Jim Kenny. W.A. Oldfield had presented us with a cup for "the most improved and well behaved Colt" in the Club. The winner - Jack Taylor - the old tea-cosy man, W. J. Taylor Cup for the "most improved player" went to Frank Murray. Frank was eulogised in those days : "Frank was a definite find, an ideal centre forward, unselfish, cool, dependable and a great team man". At ? years of age, Frank still sets a good example to younger members.

Kelvin Dickey was still "Our Baby" of the first grade team. In 1941 he was commonly known as the "Naught Man" (Ask Kelvin about it). Another 5 a side Carnival was held by the Association. Glebe fielded 4 teams and this was one carnival that saw a Glebe Final. The old timers, who were the winners in 1940 - J. Quinlan, C. Humphries, T(Digger) Taylor, Bill Ryan and G. Mockler bowed their heads to the Juniors; and, what Juniors! Even thinking about it now would make some of them puff - Les. Waight, Frank Murray, Tom Irvine, Jack Cummins and Max Steedman.

Two teams again visited Goulburn, but were unsuccessful. With the entry of Japan into the war, Hockey Clubs, generally, were confronted with many obstacles - Glebe was no exception. Many of our prominent players enlisted, with the result that we were not always able to field teams at full strength.

The Association decided to run a gradeless competition. That is, all teams were in together and played each other. Our 1941-1st Grade and 2nd Grade Premiership teams were evenly graded to form the Glebe "H" team led by Charlie Humphries and the Glebe "Q" team led by Jack Quinlan. "H" team won the competition.

The third team entered comprised mostly lads having their first season in hockey. The fourth team was known as Glebe-Balmain and was comprised of schoolboys from Glebe and Balmain Police Boys' Clubs. After 4 matches this team was withdrawn as the boys were too small to play against grown players.

Some new members to the game were Vic. Burton, who now plays for Cumberland, and Vern. Turner. This was Vern's first year at hockey and he showed "good form". Both were in the winning "H" team.

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The "Q" team's defence comprised the following : Dave McNiven (goals), Jim Kenny and Jack Taylor (backs), J. Quinlan, "Butch" Butler and Bill Ryan (halves). With that "Gibraltar" defence I cannot understand how they lost the competition.

Now you can see (partly) why the Club is so good. We have a very fine tradition to uphold. In the next few weeks you have a grand chance to build on that tradition. The coveted Club Championship is virtually ours. This trophy, the Brian Halse Memorial Trophy, was presented to Sydney Hockey by the Eastern Suburbs Club to perpetrate the memory of Brian Halse. It stands for Club, not Team supremacy, and is greatly sought after by the leading Clubs. From the Club's point of view it is better to win the Club Championship than the various premierships. The trophy was first competed for in 1948. We have had the honour to win it in the years 1948, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, - - and 1956. Ryde won it in 1954, 55 and shared it with us in 1956. St. George were successful in 1957.

As well as having such a firm grip on the Club Championship, all four teams are leading and appear to have an excellent chance of being Minor Premiers. It's up to you -- See you next issue,

RAY THORPE.

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YOUR VICTORIAN NEWS.

Having been invited in a rash moment to make some offering to the "Red Rag", you are now stuck with me, provided the Editor can find space. (We are willing to print anything -almost - the Editor).

Firstly, not having seen a Glebe team in action since 1953, I was elated to find a trip to Sydney coincided with the Glebe v8s St. George round. Three grand games of hockey were seen, followed by some elbow-bending in a neighbouring inn; and a more pleasant Saturday afternoon I haven't spent for a long time. The first grade game was really a beauty, although I missed J.C.'s tea-cosy! Kel Dickey's barracking, not to mention a few subdued mutters from Frank Murray, made the game complete.

Congratulations to all Glebe teams on topping their grades at the time of writing, especially to Jim Kenny on attaining 400 club games. Congratulations also to all those members of the Club who make possible the regular publication of "The Red Rag" - their effort deserves everyone's support. I really look forward to reading it, particularly Bill Ryan's "Carnival Trips" and Ray Thorpe's "History of the Club".

Now, something of Victoria. The VAHA conducts the Melbourne Competitions and there are affiliated associations - the Border District at Albury, the Echuca Association, the Latrobe Valley Association, and the Summer Hockey Association. In the Melbourne competitions, neglecting Under-Age teams, 39 clubs field a total of 101 teams, including 11 Under '19 teams. Grading is by A, B & C divisions, the main divisions being A1, A1 Reserve, and A Minor Zones 1 & 2 (which correspond roughly to North and South of the Yarra). In each A Grade there are 9 teams, i.e. 4 teams have a bye each week; these teams supplying umpires for all grades other than A1 & A1 Reserve, although the draw is generally arranged so that most A Grade games and Lower division "early" games often have VAUA umpires.

The writer's own club, Fairfield, has teams in A1 Reserve, A Minor Zone 1, B & C divisions. Both the A teams cannot be eliminated from playing in the semi-finals this year. Incidentally, Fairfield Club must have one of the most beautiful settings possible for its ground - the Yarra Bend National Park. Promotion and relegation exists in all grades, two up, two down. Fairfield relegated from A1 last year, hopes to be back again in 1959. Its two obstacles are Footscray, led by international Bennie Acton; and East Malvern, with ex-Australian full-back Ron Westrup in the team.

Melbourne Standard -?? Both Camberwell and Power House, the two top teams would extend most Sydney teams - just how good the Camberwell side is at its best is hard to judge. The Victorian side, which beat a weakened N.S.W. Team 2-0 in Perth, contains 7 Camberwell players.

Space and Editor willing, next issue, I hope to tell you a little of the main differences between Sydney and Melbourne Hockey.

I sincerely hope I haven't bored you,

JOHN COLLETT.

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